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## **Statement from San José Mayor Liccardo on Vote to Appeal MLB Antitrust Case to U.S. Supreme Court**

*SAN JOSE*—The San José City Council voted unanimously today to appeal the City's antitrust case against Major League Baseball to the U.S. Supreme Court. The City's goal is to eliminate the territorial restrictions that Major League Baseball has used to keep a baseball team from moving to San José.

Note: The attorneys from Cotchett, Pitre and McCarthy have taken San José's case on contingency, meaning San José taxpayers are not paying for litigating this case to the Supreme Court.

Mayor Sam Liccardo released this statement:

*Had Major League Baseball worked with San José in good faith in recent years, San José would have a privately-financed major league ballpark and team by now. The territorial restrictions have cost San José residents millions of dollars in new annual tax revenues that could go towards funding more police officers, firefighters, libraries, gang prevention efforts, road repairs, and other critical city services.*

*Litigation was our last recourse, and the City Council knew from the outset that success would likely require a ruling from the U.S. Supreme Court to revisit the 1922 decision that created MLB's exemption from antitrust laws.*

*Every other professional sport in America and every other American industry must abide by antitrust laws. Only Major League Baseball enjoys this antiquated exemption, and the sense of entitlement displayed by the league's billionaire owners who consider themselves to be above the laws requiring every other industry to compete is outrageous.*

*San José is a major league city, and it will shine if it is allowed to fairly compete.*